

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.01.007 OF THE INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE TO ALIGN THE CITY CODE WITH STATE STATUTE REGARDING HOLDING TIMES FOR IMPOUNDED ANIMALS.

WHEREAS, a need has been determined to revise provisions within Chapter 3 of the Independence City Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Section 3.01.007 of Chapter 3 of the “Code of the City of Independence, Missouri” be and is amended in the following words and provisions:

SEC. 3.01.007. FEES - IMPOUNDING AND KEEPING OF ANIMALS.

A. Any animal taken up and impounded shall be held at a licensed kennel, pound, stable, animal shelter or veterinary facility designated by the Director of Health.

B. The owner shall be liable for the reasonable expense incurred for the care and maintenance of any animal impounded.

C. Any animal may be returned to its owner without any waiting period, provided the animal is not being held for rabies observation, impounded while awaiting final disposition of a court case, or in quarantine, and provided further that the appropriate impoundment, keeping, feeding and caring fees have been paid in full and provided further that, in the case of dogs and cats, proof of a current rabies vaccination is furnished to the Animal Services Officer.

D. All money received from any sale or release of animals by the City shall be deposited with the Director of Finance and credited to the General Fund.

E. Any stray animal impounded shall be held ~~for five (5) full business days. Any owned animal impounded shall be held for ten (10) full business days.~~ **in accordance with State law.** At the end of this period, any animal not reclaimed by the owner shall be declared abandoned and may be offered for adoption by the Animal Shelter.

PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2018, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED – FORM AND LEGALITY:

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager

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